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Examiner's Amendment

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows to circumvent possible 101 problems with claim 29:

(Currently Amended) 29. An apparatus, having a processor, for retrieving a particular resource, the apparatus comprising:

means for parsing a resource descriptor associated with the particular resource, the resource descriptor comprising a uniform resource identifier (URI) and a signature, wherein the signature is not a uniform resource identifier:

responsive to locating a candidate resource using the uniform resource identifier, means for confirming the candidate resource is the particular resource using the signature; and

responsive to failing to locate the particular resource using the uniform resource identifier, means for locating the particular resource, a copy of the particular resource, or another resource similar to the particular resource using the signature.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art references of record is the patent to Lyons (6,094,665) cited in the first action and the newly cited NPL reference to Judy Heim (reference #8 on the PTO-1449 dated 2/14/07. However neither reference teach or suggest the use of utilizing a signature to confirm the candidate resource is the particular resource received or upon failing to locate the particular resource locating a copy or another similar resource using the signature.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

- 3. The drawings filed 8/5/03 have been approved by the examiner.
- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Chavis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3720. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00am-5:30pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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